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2009 NHW Dates for your Diary

Monday 17 August 2009 - 7pm NHW meeting.
Monday 19 October 2009 - 7pm NHW meeting.

General meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every 2nd month.
From 7pm in the Community Access Building, McDowall State School - Rode Road McDowall

Annual General Meeting

Our second last meeting for the year again hosts the Annual General Meeting where each NHW executive position becomes vacant. Come along to support your candidate for key positions in your NHW.

Following the brief AGM, the regular meeting will follow.

Previous Meeting

At the previous meeting, we were privileged to share an insight into the Brisbane City Council call centre. As the front line of BCC, the call centre fields calls to fulfil residents queries, address neighbourhood problems and provide information from any council department.

If you have a council matter that requires attention, you can ring 3403 8888, 24 hours day, 7 days a week.

Do You Own An iPhone / iPod?

Due to an increase in the theft of Apple Ipods and Iphones police are requesting owners to record the serial numbers of these devices to assist in the identification of recovered property. Most Apple Ipods and Iphones will have the serial number on the device, packaging, invoice/receipt, or it can be accessed through Apple iTunes, you can find further information on the Apple website www.apple.com under the support tab. Also if possible engrave your details on the device or consider marking it with your own DNA using microdot technology.

Sexting

If your children have mobile phones, you need to discuss this with them 'Sexting' is the growing trend of young people sending sexually revealing images of themselves to their friends or 'potential suitors' via their mobile phones, email or other technology. It appears that under-age teens are making this a social norm. A popular US magazine survey of over 1200 teens (13-19) asked them about their sexual behaviours in cyberspace. According to their study, 39 percent of teens (that's ages 13-19) are sending or posting sexually suggestive messages over IM, text or e-mail and around the same number of teens are receiving such messages. Half of those teens, 20 percent, are sending or posting nude or semi nude pictures of themselves on mobile phones.

SOURCE: www.cnn.com/2009/CRIME/04/08/galanos.sexting/index.html

Police Report

Police are investigating break and enter in north side suburbs including Strathpine, Bray Park, Clear Mountain and Dakabin where property including a Portable BBQ, generator, UHF/VHF radio handset, and a fishing reel where stolen. Additionally there has been an increase of the number of thefts from construction sites.

Zone Coordinators

Zone 1 Speilberg St, Stallone Ct, Redford Cr and Ford Cl
co-ordinator Shirley Morrow (3353 0412)

Zone 2 Harlow Pl, Van Dyke Cr, Palance Ct, Sellers Pl,
Monroe Pl, Matthau Place
co-ordinator Mary Moyler (ph 3353 5816)

Zone 3 Carides Pl, Burlinson Cl, Thurman Ct, Seinfeld Cl,
Streisand Dr from Neeson Ct to Saturn Cr.
co-ordinator Janine Sharman (3353 4943).

Zone 4 Goodman Cl, De Vito Pl, Cosby Pl, Borge Cl, Landon
Cl, Streisand Dr from Galaxy Street to the cul de sac
into the park). co-ordinator Carolyn Healy (3353 6888).

Zone 5 Pfeiffer Pl, Hanks Pl, Minelli Pl, Ladd Cl, Culkin Pl,
Streisand Dr from Hamilton Road to the cul de sac into
the park. co-ordinator Paul Keppel (3353 8405)

Phone Numbers to keep handy:

Emergency: 000

**Crime in Progress (not life threatening):
3364 6464**

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Albany Creek Police: 3264 0599

**Brisbane City Council Call Centre
3403 8888**

Mobile Phones and the Law

Nearly every mobile phone these days has the ability to photograph and to take video images. In recent times there have been numerous stories on current affairs programs showing images of young people fighting or being attacked and harassed – the images shown have been recorded and stored on mobile phones.


Did you know – that any recording of a child being abused or tortured is considered to be Child Exploitation Material under section 207a of the Queensland Criminal Code. It is an offence to record, store or distributes any such material and carries a penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment. Where the aggressor in an assault encourages another to record the offence they may also be charged under section 228 of the Queensland Criminal Code Act.

These are very serious offences. Where police detect recordings of this nature on a phone, the phone will be seized as evidence and held for the length of the legal proceeding, possibly several years. At the end of the proceeding police may request forfeiture of the phone – which means you don't ever get it back. That includes the SIM card and all your other stored information. It is irrelevant to the Court whether or not you are paying off a purchase plan or contract

Parents – please make your kids aware of this. The consequences of this type of behaviour can be ongoing and impact on a wide circle of family and friends

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